

Municipal Buildings,  
Withernsea.  
27th. June 1944.

To The Chairman & Members of the  
WITHERNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the ANNUAL REPORT on the HEALTH and SANITARY ADMINISTRATION and HOUSING conditions of your District for the year 1943.

The POPULATION is estimated by the Registrar General as 4847, a decrease of 204 compared with the estimate for 1942.

The BIRTH RATE of 15.47 adjusted for inward and outward transfers, shows an increase of 0.24 per 1000 resident population compared with 1942. The birth rate for England & Wales is 16.5 an increase of 0.7 over 1942. The birth rate in smaller towns of 25,000-50,000 population has risen to 19.4 per 1000.

The DEATH RATE of 14.64 per 1000 resident population adjusted for inward and outward transfers is 2 per 1000 greater than last year. The death rate for England & Wales is 12.1 per 1000, an increase of 0.5 as compared with 1942.

In short, therefore, as many were born but 2 more people died in each group of 1000 persons in 1943 as compared with 1942 - a satisfactory position.

INFANT MORTALITY. In 1943, 3 infants under one year died from various causes, giving an infant mortality rate of 40 per 1000 live births. There were no deaths from Puerperal Fever, and no notifications of Puerperal Fever.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. 237 cases of infectious disease were notified during 1943, 220 more cases than in 1942. Of these, 6 were Scarlet Fever, 2 Diphtheria, 219 Measles and 1 Pneumonia. It is thus seen that of the 220 more cases notified, 219 were of Measles.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. The high percentage of school children immunised during your Council's pioneer work in this field of Public Health Service in 1936, has been fully maintained.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS. As the result of enemy action once during the year, all the First Aid Services were called out and functioned very satisfactorily. There were a small number of minor casualties.

I am,  
Your obedient servant  
Francis R. Cripps M.D. D.P.H.  
Medical Officer of Health.

## SUMMARY of the REPORT for the year 1943.

A verage height above sea level.....	15 feet.
Area of Urban District.....	882 acres.
Population..... 1931 census.....	4251
estimated 1943 mid-year.....	4847
Excess of births over deaths.....	4
Number of houses occupied - Dec.1942.....	abt.1500
Dec.1943.....	abt.1500
Rateable Value.....	£24857.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£97.12.0.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1942.</u>
Legitimate.....	35	35	68	71
Illegitimate.....	4	3	7	6
			<u>75</u>	<u>77</u>

Birth-rate per 1000 population..... 15.47.

## STILL-BIRTHS

Legitimate.....	2	1	3	4
illegitimate.....	0	0	0	0
Deaths from PUERPERAL causes:-				
(No.29) Puerperal Sepsis	0	0	0	0
(No.30) Other Puerperal causes..	0	0	0	1

DEATHS.....	40	51	71	64
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Death rate per 1000 population...	14.64.....	12.67
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INFANT DEATHS.....	3	0	3	3
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Infant Death rate.

<u>Infant Death rate.</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1942</u>
All Infants per 1000 total live births...	40	38.9
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births.....	44	42.25
Illegitimate ditto .. .. .	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Measles(all ages).....	Nil	Nil
do Whooping Cough(all ages)...	Nil	Nil
do Diarrhoea(under 2).....	Nil	Nil
do Diphtheria(all ages).....	Nil	Nil

DEATH RATES per 1000 population from:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis(0).....	Nil	0.4
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis(0).....	Nil	0.2
Z ymotic Disease(0).....	Nil	Nil
Heart Disease(16).....	3.3	1.19
Respiratory Diseases(12).....	2.4	1.78
Arterial Disease(4).....	0.8	1.98
Cerebral Haemorrhage(18).....	3.7	1.32
Cancer(6).....	1.2	1.00

<u>INFECTIOUS DISEASE</u>	Notified cases	case rate per 1000 popl.	deaths	death rate.
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Scarlet Fever.....	6	1.2	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria.....	2	0.4	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia .....	1	0.2	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis(pulm.).	4	1.98	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Measles.....	219	45.00	Nil	Nil



NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

These remain essentially the same as during the previous year. The normal resident population of Withernsea contains a large number of older and retired people - a factor which effects our birth and death rates considerably, lowering the first and raising the second. In addition to this, since the War, we have a large number of evacuated persons and children from Hull, which superimposes on our birth and death rate, yet another factor resulting in greatly increased number of births and a slight decrease in the death rate owing to the admixture of younger people in the population.

BIRTH RATE. The number of live births registered viz. 75 is much the same as last year (77). The birth rate for the whole of England & Wales is 16.5 per 1000 civilian population and that for the smaller towns of 25000 to 50000 inhabitants 19.4.

DEATH RATE. 71 people died in 1943 (7 more than 1942 on a smaller population), giving a death rate of 14.64 per 1000 civilian population. The corresponding figures for England & Wales are 12.1 and for the smaller towns 12.7. Our death rate nearly approaches that of London 15.0.

The principal causes of death are as follows:-

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>of total.</u>	<u>rate per 1000 pop.</u>
Heart Disease.....	10	6	16	22.5	3.3
Cerebral Haemorrhage..	7	11	18	25.0	3.7
Arterial Disease.....	3	1	4	5.6	0.8
Cancer.....	2	4	6	8.5	1.2
Respiratory Diseases..	8	4	12	17.0	2.4
Tuberculosis.....	0	0	0	Nil	Nil

DEATHS among CHILDREN under one year of age. In 1943, 7 infants, all males, died, giving an infant mortality rate of 40 per 1000 live births which is the same as last year. The rate for England & Wales is 49 and that for the smaller towns 46 and that for London 58, all practically the same as in 1942.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES UNDER THE NOTIFICATIONS ACTS.

*237 cases of* Infectious diseases were notified as against 17 last year. Actually, there were fewer cases of all the infectious diseases with the exception of Measles. There was an epidemic of Measles resulting in 219 cases. The epidemic was mild in character and there were no deaths from Bronchitis or other complications. There were also no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria or from Epidemic Diarrhoea. No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. This work was continued both by sessions held at School and at a Clinic in the town for the under fives. The position at Dec. 31st. 1943 was that 87 of the 1158 children (age group 5 to 14 incl. 783 and up to 4, 375) were completely immunised. - The percentage of pre-school children being 60.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL AND AMBULANCE FACILITIES. There have been no major changes in the previous arrangements.

TUBERCULOSIS. During 1943, 4 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified - all male pulmonary. 10 cases were notified during 1942. The general increase in Tuberculosis all over the country since the war began has continued, but the rate of increase tends to decline.

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The increase may chiefly be due to the increased stress and strain of war-time life : for example, many soldiers developed Tuberculosis or rather latent Tuberculosis, which the healing capacity of the human body had successfully resisted in normal peace time occupation broke out owing to the deterioration of health and therefore of resistance to disease, engendered by excessive muscular exertions carried on in conditions of cold, wet and fatigue and insufficient nourishment. Among civilians, long hours spent in crowded air-raid shelters with insufficient ventilation and generally damp conditions would help to spread the disease.

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year.

AGE GROUP.	<u>new cases</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulm.</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulm.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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## SECTION " C " .

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1943.

#### Water Supply

Since February, 1916, the public water supply has been obtained under contract from the Kingston - upon - Hull Corporation. The water is brought through pipes to a water tower situated about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles outside the District and thence distributed by gravity through out the District. The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. The total amount of water supplied during the year was 50,411,000 gallons.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There are 41 earth closets which have not been converted to the water carriage system, exclusive of about 180 connected with the various camps in the District.

#### COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHT SOIL.

818 loads of House Refuse and 104 loads of Shop Refuse weighing about 981 tons - 12 cwt. and 93 tons - 12 cwt. respectively were collected by the 2 ton Bedford covered Motor Vehicle, and dealt with at the Incinerator Station.

The following materials were sold during the year :-

						£ - S - D			
21 tons-	6 cwt-	0 qrs-	0 lbs.	Mixed Paper.	..	6	-	7	- 6 per ton.
8 "	- 14 "	- 1 "	- 0 "	Strawboards.		6	-	7	- 6 per ton.
4 "	- 3 "	- 3 "	- 0 "	Books & Magazines.		9	-	5	- 0 per ton.
- "	- 3 "	- 0 "	- 0 "	Newspapers.		10	-	15	- 0 per ton.
5 "	- 8 "	- 1 "	- 0 "	Rags.		1	-	4	- 0 per cwt.
2 "	- 2 "	- 3 "	- 16 "	Sacking. String.		.		5	- 6 per cwt.
-3 "	- 3 "	- 6 "	- 0 "	Carpets & Rugs.				4	- 0 per cwt.
-7 "	- 2 "	- 0 "	- 12 "	Netting.				3	- 0 per cwt.
3 "	- 11 "	- 2 "	- 15 "	Bones.		4	-	15	- 0 per ton.
1 "	- 12 "	- 3 "	- 0 "	Rubber.		2	-	10	- 0 per ton.
9 "	- 11 "	- 2 "	- 0 "	Baled Tins.		1	-	16	- 0 per ton.
3 "	- 3 "	- 2 "	- 0 "	Baled Scrap Iron.		2	-	11	- 0 per ton.
4 "	- 4 "	- 2 "	- 0 "	Loose Iron.		3	-	0	- 0 per ton.
..	..	..	..	50 Bedsteads.-Irons.					6 each.
11 "	18 "	- 1 "	- 0 "	mixed cullet.		2	-	10	- 0 per ton.
132cyds.	..	..	..	Ash.		.	.		6 per c.yd.
85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.yds.	..	..	..	Clinkers.		.		1	- 6 per c.yd.
						£. S. D			
1,022 Bins	..	..	..	Kitchen Waste sold for		97	-	0	- 0

The night soil from the houses and camps was collected in a tank fitted into the motor vehicle and deposited outside the Urban District on a farm.

#### SWIMMING BATHS.

The Council possess an open Air Swimming Bath which is filled with Sea Water, as required, and treated with "Chloros". There are no Privately owned Swimming Pools or Baths in the Urban Area.

The Council have considered the construction of a Modern Swimming Pool, with Filtration, Sterilisation and Heating Apparatus, but the war emergency interfered with the further consideration of the proposal.

SECTION "C"

ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.

No houses have been disinfected.

WORKSHOPS.

The following workshops and factories are on the register :-

Factories	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Laundries	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Joiners	Builders	..	..	..	3
Letter Press and Printing Works				..	1
Garages	..	..	..	..	5
Coal gas Manufacture	..	..	..	..	1
Ice Cream	..	..	..	..	0
Bakeries	..	..	..	..	3
Mineral Waters	..	..	..	..	1
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Total					14
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The sanitary conditions of the lavatories were found to be in a satisfactory condition and the "Abstract of the Factories and Workshops" found to be duly posted.

SECTION "D" -HOUSING.

No new houses were erected during the year.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- (1) (a) Total No: of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects ( Under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... 27
- (b) No: of inspections made for the purpose ..... 70
- (2) (a) No: of dwelling houses ( included under subhead (1) which were inspected and recorder under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ..... Nil
- (b) No: of inspections made for the purpose ..... Nil
- (3) No: of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for Human habitation ..... Nil
- (4) No: of dwelling houses ( exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head ) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for Human habitation. 1

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUR SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

No: defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action by the L.A. or their Officers.... 21

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

- (a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10, & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) No: of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs..... Nil
- (2) No: of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Action.....



SECTION "D"

- (a) By Owners ..... Nil  
 (b) By L.A. in default of Owners..... Nil

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

- (1) Number of dwellin houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... 5  
 (2) Number of dwelling houses which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :- 3  
 (a) By Owners ..... Nil  
 (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..... Nil

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) Number of dwelling- houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil  
 (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... Nil

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... Nil  
 (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936.-PART IV.-OVERCROWDING.

- 4.(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ..... Nil  
 (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ..... Nil  
 (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ..... Nil

HOUSES DAMAGED BY ENEMY ACTION.

The following houses were damaged during the year, 1943:-

June 14th, 31 slightly damaged and 8 in which glass only was required.

July 14th, 14 houses slightly damaged.

August 17th, 17 houses slightly damaged and one in which glass only was required.

All the repairs to the above dwelling houses have been completed.

SECTION "E".

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

There are 9 Purveyors of Milk on the Register.

One Supplementary Licence for the sale of Pasteurised Milk was issued.

COWSHEDS.

There are 3 cowsheds in the Urban Area. No defects were found.

